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## CURRENT TOPICS.

A PET flea has been known to live six years.

GERMANY makes 3,000,000 false eyes annually.

In South America there is a race of cats which does not know how to mew.

A HUNTER has been known to distance a locomotive going 30 miles an hour.

NINE ice dealers of Nashville have been indicted for combining to put up the price of ice.

ENGLISH coin was first made a legal tender in 1216. Before this rents had been paid in produce.

FIFTY years ago there were in India only 31 ordained Christian pastors. There are now about 1,000.

FEMALE spiders are much larger and more ferocious than the males, and often devour their husbands.

When a sparrowhawk is swooping down on its prey it cleaves space at the speed of 150 miles an hour.

The Franks took their name from the Franciscans, or battle axes, which they threw with deadly effect.

The value of the house property of London is \$3,365,000,000; that of Paris, \$1,430,000,000; that of New York, \$1,355,000,000.

There are already 1,500 horseless vehicles in the streets of Paris, and on July 1 500 automobile cabs were added to that number.

The hydra fuses, a sort of polypus, may be turned inside out like a glove, and will continue to live and eat as heartily as ever.

MISS SARAH A. DIXON was ordained in Lowell, Mass., the other evening, as pastor of the Congregational church of Tyngsboro, Mass.

Another attempt to have Tulleries palace rebuilt is being made in France. This time the movement is led by the Society for the Preservation of Public Monuments.

Frogs and toads have remarkably acute hearing. The slightest noise in the vicinity of a pond will at once attract the attention of the frogs and put them on their guard.

One of the latest appliances for use in a bakery oven consists of a machine which takes the whole wheat and grinds it, mixes water with it and kneads it into dough ready for the oven.

PNEUMATIC typewriters are being placed on the market, the keys being a series of soft rubber bulbs opening into pipes with valves at the opposite ends to force the type levers to strike the paper.

Tobacco shows a falling off of over 20 per cent in acreage and 13 points less in condition than last year.

The most wonderful wine cellars in the world are underneath a nobleman's palace at Warsaw. They have been used for storing wines for over 400 years, and the whole place is one mass of fungi and stalactites.

INSANITY is increasing in Ireland. English statisticians say that one serious cause of lunacy is the abuse of tea, another an over-indulgence in alcohol, a third the disappointment of having tried emigration and failed.

EMERGENCY brakes for railroad and trolley cars have a lever on the platform of the car to be depressed and force a toothed wheel down into the ground or against a roughened surface at the side of the track.

The Shah of Persia is fond of rough hunting trips, and is said to be the best gunshot in his domain. He has bagged quantities of big game, and one of his favorite tricks is to shoot a hole through a copper coin tossed into the air.

To strengthen weak ankles when skating, a new device is formed of a brace running up the side of the leg with clamps for the ankle and attached to the skate at the heel, thus keeping the ankle from twisting or turning.

SPAIN, among her desperate resorts to procure money for the war in Cuba, has established a monopoly for the sale and manufacture of gunpowder. In the call for bids it is announced that gone under \$900,000 a year will be considered.

MISS KUEHNE REVERDOR, the Chicago girl who has won fame by her work in art in New York, has almost completed a life-sized bust of William Jennings Bryan, and will have the work ready for transportation into bronze in a few days.

Before he started on his visit to England the king of Siam formally opened the first section of the Korat railroad, which has recently been completed between Bangkok and Chanthaburi, and the first sod of which was cut by him in 1892.

Doors in the dining rooms of hotels and restaurants can be automatically opened by a new device, consisting of a lever attached to the bottom of the door, to be pressed by the foot and unlatch the door and swing it open at the same time.

A RECENTLY patented pail can also be used as a dipper, the middle of the pail extending into an angular strip bent to one side to press against a catch on the side of the pail and fasten so that the bent portion of the pail forms the dipper handle.

MISS GORDON CUMMIE is raising money in all the principal cities of England for the purpose of teaching the blind in China. She will found a large blind asylum at Peking, and is doing this in commemoration of the diamond jubilee.

## YUKON GOLD FIELDS.

Yield of Dust and Nuggets During the Year Approximates \$5,000,000.

Not Less Than Four Dollars' Worth of Gold Scooped With Every Shovelful of Dirt—Salaries of Miners About Twelve Dollars a Day.

CHICAGO, July 19.—Vice President P. B. Weare, of the North American Transportation & Trading Co., has received dispatches from the Clondyke placer gold fields of Alaska, which confirm the stories of its fabulous wealth received from the Pacific coast during the past week. The steamship Portland, of the North American Co., arrived at Seattle, Wash., from its semi-annual expedition within a week and bears \$1,000,000 in gold dust from the Yukon fields. The dispatch sums up the yield of dust and nuggets in that Eldorado country during the year as approximately \$5,000,000. The letter is from Capt. John J. Healy, who has piloted crafts for the North American Co. through the winding Alaskan rivers for years. It is dated June 7, from Circle City, near the British boundary, and depicts graphically the immense fortunes which have been made within a fortnight by roaming, penniless miners.

Capt. Healy tells of new regions which have been discovered; indeed, the captain says that not less than \$1 worth of gold dust is scooped up with every shovelful of dirt, and that applies to every piece of ground into which the shovel is dug. Salaries to miners are not less than \$12 a day, and a man can get his provision and sustenance for \$2.

"There is no trouble," said Mr. Weare, "that the mines are only partly uncovered. All my dispatches agree this is the continuation of the mother vein in this country. Von Humboldt, upon his visit to Butch Harbor, near Bristol bay, predicted that the mother vein would show itself in Alaska in a parallel line. Everything indicates the truth of this prophecy."

"Circle City and Fort Cudahy were the principal gold fields before the Clondyke fields were discovered last fall and the rush for those fields has continued since."

"Gold fields have also been discovered of great value in the vicinity of Nontak river, which is in British territory, but the travel has been and continues to be toward the Yukon fields. This year the number of miners in this territory has been increased by 2,000 to which must be added the 4,000 miners already situated there."

"Most of these miners come from the silver mines and push through the wild country and over the mountains. In this way the distance is only 1,000 miles, while the water route covers 3,000 miles."

Mr. Weare has also news of a new discovery of gold fields, hitherto untouched, near the mouth of the Tanana river, which is the second largest river of Alaska, and enters the Yukon at the town of Weare.

## GENERAL FEAR

Of a Repetition of the Bloody Riots of 1890 at Valparaiso.

New York, July 19.—A dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso says:

There is a general fear here that a repetition of the bloody riots of 1890 when scores of rioters were shot down and killed by the police and militia, is at hand.

The situation is critical. It was brought about by the action of the mayor of Valparaiso in ordering 1,000 workmen closed, thereby throwing thousands of men out of employment. Unless something is done immediately to provide for the idle thousands, serious trouble will result.

The authorities, only quelled the riots of 1890 after a great loss of life. The rioters at that time looted many stores to obtain food and clothing, and the result was the police and militia were called out to put an end to the troubles. Scores of idle men were shot down and cut down in the streets.

Ladet Montgomery Heard From.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19.—Russell Montgomery, a U. S. naval cadet, who disappeared from Annapolis over a year ago, has been heard from in Alaska. He writes to his father, J. B. Montgomery, a well known capitalist of this city, that he has a claim in the Klondyke district and is now working it successfully. Young Montgomery failed in his examinations at Annapolis, which fact so humiliated him that he left Annapolis without leaving any word behind him, and although his father has used every effort to find his son, nothing has been heard of him until the letter from Alaska was received.

Window Glass Workers Will Join the K. of L.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 19.—The window glass workers association has decided to return to the Knights of Labor. The vote of the preceptories of the county is all in and shows less than 200 against the proposition. The return of the glass workers will increase the membership of the K. of L. 6,000.

Opposed to Powderly's Appointment.

New York, July 19.—The Central Labor union after a long wrangle at their meeting Sunday adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the appointment of T. V. Powderly as commissioner of immigration is the greatest official insult ever offered by the federal government to organized labor."

## NEW FEATURES

Likely to Be Introduced in the Coal Miners' Strike—It is Thought the Railway Organizations Will Be Asked to Assist.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 20.—Some new features will be introduced into the struggle within the next two days, but the leaders are maintaining the greatest secrecy regarding their movements. It is believed they contemplate calling upon railway organizations for assistance.

Secretary Warner gave out the information Monday that a meeting of railway employees was held here Sunday and the situation of the miners' strike thoroughly discussed. Resolutions were adopted pledging support to the strikers and each member was assessed two dollars for the strike fund.

Mr. Warner refused to divulge the name of the railroad employing the men, stating that it might lead to an investigation and the disclosure of the men.

From another source it was reported to be a meeting of the conductors and brakemen of the roads centering in Pittsburgh.

It was claimed that the action taken was at the suggestion of the national officials of the Railway Trainmen's union.

Active work has been commenced in the coke regions and efforts will be made to bring out all the men at mines where the product is being shipped to Pittsburgh. Ex-National Vice President Cameron Miller, of the United Mine Workers, left Monday morning for the coke region, and addressed a mass meeting of men employed at the Smock and Wood mines.

A mass meeting is scheduled to be held at Uniontown Tuesday, which will be addressed by Messrs. Miller and Warner.

Cameron Miller and Secretary Wm. Warner visited Turtle Creek Sunday to have a talk with the miners employed by the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co. They were served with an injunction restraining them from interfering with the miners.

The mines at Leechburg, on the West Penn railroad, have been closed. The diggers had not been asked to join the movement, but Cameron Miller communicated with them and they agreed to lay down their tools.

Gen. John Little, of the state board of arbitration, and P. D. Darrin, of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Co., are still in the east endeavoring to secure the agreement of the eastern coal operators to a uniformity agreement. They are expected to return Tuesday.

It was announced that a meeting of the coal operators' convention will be held here Wednesday.

COLUMBUS, O., July 20.—President Rutherford and Secretary Pearce Monday issued a letter to the public giving the causes leading up to the present suspension. The circular says that the suspension is not a choice, but an alternative forced upon the miners in their demand for living wages. An operator is quoted as saying in a joint conference prior to the suspension: "Go on and fight, we are ready for you."

The movement is characterized as "nothing less than a spontaneous uprising of an enslaved people, who have determined to submit no longer to the cruel, heartless and inhuman conditions imposed upon them by unscrupulous employers which has reduced them and their dependents to actual starvation."

Advocate Arbitration.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 20.—Pittsburgh councils Monday, in regular session, passed a resolution calling on President McKinley to use his good offices in the settlement of the coal miners' strike. The resolution advocates arbitration on a true uniformity basis, and urges the president to act promptly in the matter before the strike develops into an industrial war that threatens to violate the public peace and seriously interfere with the business interests of this community.

To Substitute Anthracite for Bituminous Coal.

CHICAGO, July 20.—The local coal situation has been made more serious by the diverting of the coal from the West Virginia mines intended for Chicago to points along the tidewater into the New England region. A number of the operators having big coal contracts to fill are considering the possibility of substituting anthracite in case bituminous coal becomes a dead factor in the market.

Will Resume Work Monday.

CLINTON, Mass., July 20.—The Bigelow Carpet Co. announced Monday that the card and combing departments of the plant will resume work next Monday, and that probably the entire plant will be started the following week. Mr. Bigelow says that the outlook at present is very good. Nine hundred hands are employed when the plant is in full operation.

Steel Works Will Resume.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., July 20.—The wage scale having been fixed for the coming year, the Etna-Standard iron and steel works are resuming in all departments, with good prospects. Other mills are getting ready to start. The potteries and glass stories are resuming, and there is a slow but steady improvement.

Murder at Negro Bivouac.

ROCKFORD, Ind., July 20.—While at a Negro festival Thomas McFarland shot and instantly killed a nephew, John Wright. McFarland was shooting at La e Krump, but got Wright through the heart and in a foot.

## FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Extraordinary Session.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—SENATE.—The price to be paid for armor plate for the three new battleships now in course of construction was the theme of extended, and at times lively debate in the senate Tuesday. Late in the day an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to, reducing the price of armor plate to \$200 per ton, or \$125 less than the amendment reported by the committee and recommended by the navy department as the minimum rate acceptable to the armor contractors. Another amendment inserted in the bill directs the secretary of the navy to investigate as to the establishment of a government armor factory, and to report to the next session of congress. The vote was on an amendment limiting the cost of armor to \$300 per ton. It was carried on a viva voce vote, Mr. Hale and one or two others being the only ones to vote in the negative. Mr. Butler offered an amendment authorizing the secretary of the navy to investigate and receive propositions for the establishment of a government armor factory and report to congress at its next session. It was agreed to.

As an amendment was adopted to pay balance of \$14,485 to claimants under the Spanish-American claims commission and then the deficiency bill was passed. Mr. Hale moved that the senate adjourn over Wednesday, July 15, on a viva voce vote.

HOUSE.—The house was in session about ten minutes and adjourned until Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—SENATE.—The senate was in a deadlock for several hours Wednesday with business at a standstill. The calls of the senate roll and other parliamentary expédients were resorted to. It was due to the effort to secure a cloture on the resolution of Mr. Harris (Kan.), designed to prevent the disposal of the government lien on the Union Pacific railroad under the terms of an alleged agreement. There were many roll calls on Mr. Harris' motion to consider the resolution, quorums appearing and disappearing, and from 12 to 5 o'clock no final vote on the motion was secured. It finally went over until Thursday. Pending one of the roll calls a resolution was passed allowing the sculptor of the Sherman statue to erect a studio near the site of the statue. This afforded a text for some strictures by Mr. Morgan on the deadlock which had occurred.

HOUSE.—When the house resumed its session Wednesday after the recess Tuesday, Mr. Anderson (rep. Iowa) asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a joint resolution to permit the erection of a temporary studio on the future site of the statue of Gen. Sherman, for the erection of which a contract has been made. There was no objection and the resolution was adopted. Mr. Cannon moved non-concurrence in the senate amendments to the general deficiency bill, which came over from the senate Wednesday. The motion prevailed and Messrs. Cannon, Northway and Sayers were appointed conferees. Mr. Morris (rep. Minn.) asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution to appropriate \$10,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Mississippi flood sufferers for the relief of those who have been made destitute by the recent floods near Aitken, Minn. Objection was made. At 12:30 the house adjourned until Thursday.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—SENATE.—Pacific railway affairs occupied the attention of the senate throughout the day and the Harris resolution relating to the pending judicial property went over until Friday. The road finally went over until Friday.

SENATORS Stewart and Waite indulged in sharp personal attacks on the Harris resolution over the San Pedro (Cal.) deep water harbor. The joint resolution was passed accepting the invitation of France to participate in the Paris exposition of 1900.

HOUSE.—No business was transacted by the house Thursday. Immediately after the journal was approved a recess was taken on Mr. Cannon's motion until Friday. Mr. Cannon having given assurance to Mr. Bailey that in his opinion a partial or complete cloture on the report on the deficiency bill would be ready by that time.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—SENATE.—The open session of the senate was brief and uneventful Friday. The Harris resolution relating to the Union Pacific railroad was further discussed. At 1:30 the senate went into executive session, remaining behind closed doors until 6 o'clock and then adjourned until Saturday.

HOUSE.—The house Friday agreed to the partial conference report on the general deficiency appropriation bill which was concurred in, the senate amendment fixing the limit of cost of armor plate for the three battleships now building, at \$300 per ton. This was the main point in dispute between the two houses. A strong effort was made to induce the house to agree to a substitute proposition fixing the limit at \$125. It was recommended by the secretary of the navy, but after three hours' debate the house, by a vote of 142 to 41 concurred in the senate amendment. On motion of Mr. Hendrick (rep. Kan.) the senate resolution directing the secretary of war to issue 1,000 tents for the use of the Grand Army encampment at Leavenworth, Kan., next October, was adopted. Mr. Cannon then called up the conference report on the general deficiency bill which meantime had been agreed to by the senate. The house concurred in the senate amendment appropriating \$5,000 for removing obstructions in the Kootenai river, Montana. Adjourned until Monday.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—SENATE.—Monday in the senate was principally devoted to a discussion on Mr. Harris' resolution relating to the Union Pacific railroad. Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, concluded his remarks in favor of the resolution and Mr. Stewart spoke in opposition to it. Mr. Thurston of Washington was speaking in opposition when at 5 o'clock the senate went into executive session and shortly thereafter adjourned.

HOUSE.—The conference report on the tariff bill was adopted by the house shortly after midnight Tuesday morning by a vote of 183 to 118 and at noon Tuesday the report will go to the senate for action there. This settles all previous records. The result was accomplished after 12 hours of continuous debate. But two speeches were made by the republicans, one by Gov. Dingley in opening the debate and one by Mr. Payne (N. Y.) in closing it. The democrats were thus forced to put forth a greater number of speakers. In all ten democrats and one republican speeches were made. Messrs. Wheeler (Ala.), Swanson (Va.), Ball, Lanham and Hallett (Tex.), Kelly (N. D.), Fleming (Ga.), Hendry (Del.), McDowell (O.), Berry (Ky.) and McMillan (Tenn.) being the speakers. The sugar schedule was the main point of assault but the most interesting feature of the debate occurred when Mr. Bailey and Mr. McMillan the two rival democratic leaders, crossed swords on the question of orthodoxy of the raw material doctrine, the former opposing and the latter championing it.

A Watermelon for the President.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 20.—The largest watermelon grown in the south this season was shipped from here Monday for Washington where it will arrive Wednesday and be presented to President McKinley at the white house. The melon was grown in Georgia, weighs 78 pounds and took the prize of \$25 offered by W. N. Mitchell, southern agent of the B. & O. railroad, in a contest participated in by the planters of all the melon growing states. The monster melon is shipped in a golden hamper a torped with flags.

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| Overdrafts.....7,078.19               | Surplus Fund.....17,608.80           |
| Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,984.97   | Individual Deposits.....13,475.81    |
| Due from National Banks.....41,601.92 | Due from National Banks.....3,870.34 |
| Banking House.....5,500.00            | Due from State Banks.....5,912.84    |
| Furniture and Fixtures.....10,705.00  |                                      |
| Cash.....13,552.80                    |                                      |
|                                       | \$12,236.99                          |

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